Appointment of Judges

1595. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tenure of many judges has expired during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such judges thereof in the Supreme Court and various High Courts; and

(c) the number of judges appointed during the said period in the Supreme Court and the High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLY): (a) to (c) The number of Judges retired from the Supreme Court and in the High Courts and the number of appointments made in these Courts during the last three years, is as given below:—

	No. of Retirements During			Total Retire-ments	No. of Appointments Made During			Total Appoint-ments
	01.08.2000 to 31.07.2001	01.08.2001 to 31.07.2002	01.08.2002 to 31.07.2003		01.08.2000 to 31.07.2001	01.08.2001 to 31.07.2002	01.08.2002 to 31.07.2003	
Supreme Court of India	2	6	5	13	2	6	5	13
High Courts	45	46	52	143	68	86	56	210

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.